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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/598,477 **Group Art Unit:** 2662

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For: CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR EXCHANGING SIGNALS BETWEEN NETWORK NODES

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-24 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-15, and 18-20 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 21-24 are added. Claims 1, 10, 12, 14-17, and 24 are independent.

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